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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

As illustrated, the first streamline control element 550 has a first end 552 that is positioned in alignment with the center portion 230 and a second end 554 that extends towards the third air bearing surface 240. Similarly, the second streamline control element 560 has a first end 562 that is positioned in alignment with the center portion 230 and a second end 564 that extends towards the third air bearing surface 240. In this particular embodiment, the first and second streamline control elements 550 and 560 are configured so that they converge toward one another near the second ends $\frac{552}{554}$ and $\frac{562}{564}$, respectively.